

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. Method for the production of a forged piston for an internal combustion engine, having a combustion depression provided on the piston head, comprising

shrinking a join surface of a first tube-shaped unmachined part made of oxidation-resistant steel onto a join surface of a second cylindrical unmachined part made of hot-forgeable steel;

forging the two unmachined parts to produce a piston blank, causing at least the combustion depression to be formed from oxidation-resistant steel; and

finishing the piston blank via machining to produce a piston ready for installation in the internal combustion engine.

2. A method according to claim 1, wherein the first unmachined part is heated to 100 to 150°C prior to the step of shrinking.

3. A method according to claim 2, wherein forging of the unmachined parts to produce a piston blank takes place after the parts have cooled to room temperature.

4. A method according to claim 1, wherein the join surfaces of the unmachined parts are conical relative to a longitudinal axis of the unmachined parts.